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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 056208.52792US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **VEHICLE INFORMATION COLLECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
THEREOF**


Enclosed are:

1. X Application Data Sheet (3 pages)
2. Specification, including 12 claims (pages 1-45).
3. 23 Sheet(s) of X Formal      Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-33.
4. X Declaration/Power of Attorney (Executed - 4 pages)
5. Assignment of invention to **Hitachi, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan**, with cover sheet. (2 pages)
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-278313, filed in Japan on 25 September 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. X Information Disclosure Statement.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee							\$375/750 = \$750.00
Total Claims	<u>12</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$ 9/18 = \$
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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280 = \$
Total Filing Fee							<u>\$834.00</u>

Checks in the amount of \$ 834.00 for X filing fee and \$ 40.00 for X assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.52792US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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